

**Subpart C—Compliance Orders****§ 820.40 Purpose and scope.**

This subpart provides for the issuance of Compliance Orders to prevent, rectify or penalize violations of the Act, a Nuclear Statute, or a DOE Nuclear Safety Requirement and to require action consistent with the Act, a Nuclear Statute, or a DOE Nuclear Safety Requirement.

**§ 820.41 Compliance order.**

The Secretary may issue to any person involved in a DOE nuclear activity a Compliance Order that:

- (a) Identifies a situation that violates, potentially violates, or otherwise is inconsistent with the Act, a Nuclear Statute, or a DOE Nuclear Safety Requirement;
- (b) Mandates a remedy or other action; and,
- (c) States the reasons for the remedy or other action.

**§ 820.42 Final order.**

A Compliance Order is a Final Order that constitutes a DOE Nuclear Safety Requirement that is effective immediately unless the Order specifies a different effective date.

**§ 820.43 Appeal.**

Within fifteen days of the issuance of a Compliance Order, the recipient of the Order may request the Secretary to rescind or modify the Order. A request shall not stay the effectiveness of a Compliance Order unless the Secretary issues an order to that effect.

**Subpart D—Interpretations****§ 820.50 Purpose and scope.**

This subpart provides for interpretations of the Act, Nuclear Statutes, and DOE Nuclear Safety Requirements. Any written or oral response to any written or oral question which is not provided pursuant to this subpart does not constitute an interpretation and does not provide any basis for action inconsistent with the Act, a Nuclear Statute, or a DOE Nuclear Safety Requirement.

**§ 820.51 General Counsel.**

The General Counsel shall be the DOE Official responsible for formulating and issuing any interpretation concerning the Act, a Nuclear Statute or a DOE Nuclear Safety Requirement.

**§ 820.52 Procedures.**

The General Counsel may utilize any procedure which he deems appropriate to comply with his responsibilities under this subpart. All interpretations issued under this subpart must be filed with the Office of the Docketing Clerk which shall maintain a docket for interpretations.

**Subpart E—Exemption Relief****§ 820.60 Purpose and scope.**

This subpart provides for exemption relief from provisions of DOE Nuclear Safety Requirements at nuclear facilities.

**§ 820.61 Secretarial officer.**

The Secretarial Officer who is primarily responsible for the activity to which a DOE Nuclear Safety Requirement relates may grant a temporary or permanent exemption from that requirement as requested by any person subject to its provisions; provided that, the Secretarial Officer responsible for environment, safety and health matters shall exercise this authority with respect to provisions relating to radiological protection of workers, the public and the environment. This authority may not be further delegated.

**§ 820.62 Criteria.**

The criteria for granting an exemption to a DOE Nuclear Safety Requirement are determinations that the exemption:

- (a) Would be authorized by law;
- (b) Would not present an undue risk to public health and safety, the environment, or facility workers;
- (c) Would be consistent with the safe operation of a DOE nuclear facility; and
- (d) Involves special circumstances, including the following:
  - (1) Application of the requirement in the particular circumstances conflicts with other requirements; or